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# Okanogan County Electric Co-op

January 2019 Newsletter

## OCEC Waives Monthly Fee in December

*This one month waiver will reduce year-end margins.*

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative (OCEC) has waived the monthly base fee on its members' accounts for the December 2018 billing period. This will be reflected on the bill received in January. For most customers, this will reduce the monthly power bill for this one month by either \$32 or \$50 depending on which rate you are on. Irrigation accounts will receive a credit on their bills at the start of the irrigation season.

After review of projected year end margins, the OCEC Board determined that this waiver was appropriate given the projected year-end margins for the year. OCEC is a non-profit cooperative and is owned by its members. All margins (revenues less expenses) are eventually returned to members and this is one way of doing this.

OCEC General Manager David Gottula said "A combination of lower expenses along with higher than expected revenues in 2018 has produced higher margins than forecasted and this one-month waiver of the base fee is a way to lower the existing member's bills and reduce our margins. Also with December being a high usage month and our members potentially having high power bills, every little bit we can reduce power bills helps our members." OCEC also recently announced that there will be no rate increase in 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact GM David Gottula at 509-996-2228.

## OCEC Board Makes Selection to Fill Empty Board Seat

The OCEC Board of Directors has selected Michael Murray as the replacement for Chuck Armstrong who resigned from the OCEC Board in October. Mr. Murray will need to run for election for this position in April.



Mr. Murray is President of Mission:data Coalition, a non-profit he started that supports state policies enabling electricity consumers to better access their energy usage data for conservation purposes. Murray grew up in Boulder, Colorado and is a big fan of community-owned power. Prior to founding Mission:data, Murray co-founded an energy management software company and successfully ran it for 10 years. He's excited to apply his experience in the corporate cleantech world to the challenges and opportunities of a rural co-op. He lives with his wife, Ashley, and dog, Burnaby, in Winthrop.

## BPA Energy Efficiency Funds Exhausted

Many OCEC members with commercial buildings took advantage of BPA's energy efficiency program, changing out their old lighting for more efficient LED lighting. Because of this, OCEC has used up its allotted funds and has put a moratorium on the program. Funds from other cooperatives may be available to us near the end of summer 2019, but until then the program is on hold. Starting in October 2019 (BPA's new fiscal year) our energy efficiency funding will be replenished. OCEC would like to thank all the members who participated in this program.

## OCEC Board of Directors:

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# Unclaimed Capital Credits

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc (OCEC) is refunding capital credits to active and inactive members. Capital credits are the margins - the money left after expenses are paid - that are to be refunded to our members.

The OCEC Board of Directors determines the amount to be refunded to our Members.

Listed below are customers for whom we have no current address. If you are on the list, or know the address of anyone on the list, please contact:

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AVERY, BRENT	JAMES, BRIAN
BABICK, JOHN MRS	JOHNSON, HAROLD & DIANNE
BAGGETT, BRETT	JORDON, CINDY
BARKER, KIRT	LACKLEN, CHARLYN K
BARNETT, RONALD H	LARSEN B NEIL
BECKMAN-WILLIAMS C/O KIMBERLY DOWNING	LARSEN, CARLA
BENENTENDI, DAN	LINCE, JACK
BENENTENDI, DAN & KIM	LUTHER, WILLIAM & MARY
BIELL, GREG	MARSHALL, LORRIE
BOGGESE, GLEN	MATTSON, KEVIN
BROWN, ALBERT & KIM	MCMEANS, TONYA
BRYANT FRANCES ESTATE OF	MORICAL, SAM
CALDWELL, LESLIE	NELSON, CHRISTY
CARLSON, CLYDE	PALM KATHLEEN
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DAGNON, DON	PHILLIPS, JAY
DALE, GEORGE & BARBARA	REECE, WAYNE & OLSON, DEBORAH
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